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Clear Media, LLC  
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Re: Clear Media, LLC  
WNOO(AM), Chattanooga, TN  
Facility Identification Number: 53955  
Special Temporary Authority

Dear Applicant:

This is in reference to the request filed June 5, 2019, on behalf of Clear Media, LLC ("CML"). CML requests special temporary authority ("STA") to operate station WNOO(AM) with temporary emergency antenna facilities.<sup>1</sup> In support of the request, CML states that on May 16, 2019 a city of Chattanooga public works crew severed a guy wire support cable for the WNOO(AM) and W297BX transmitting tower. Therefore, the station constructed a temporary long-wire antenna system and commenced operations on May 24, 2019.

Specifically, WNOO(AM) resumed operations with an AM antenna that was constructed on an old WNOO(AM) RPU receive tower, which is 60 feet tall. The temporary AM antenna is an "inverted-L" style antenna. The first 50 vertical feet of the inverted-L antenna is a "skirt". The horizontal portion of the inverted-L extends another 50 feet from the top outrigger of the tower extending to an insulator. The station is currently operating with a power of 0.15 kilowatt and requests STA to continue operating with the long-wire facility until repairs can be made.

Section 73.1680 of the Commission's rules provide for operation with emergency antenna facilities, provided that an informal request for continued use of an emergency antenna is filed with the Commission within 24 hours. In particular, Section 73.1680(b)(1) states that AM stations may use a horizontal or vertical wire or a nondirectional vertical element of a directional antenna as an emergency antenna. AM stations using an emergency nondirectional antenna or a horizontal or vertical wire pursuant to this section, in lieu of authorized directional facilities, shall operate with power reduced to 25% or less of the nominal licensed power, or, a higher power, not exceeding licensed power, while insuring that the radiated field strength does not exceed that authorized in any given azimuth for the corresponding hours of directional operation.

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<sup>1</sup> WNOO(AM) is licensed for operation on 1260 kHz with a daytime power of 5 kilowatts and a nighttime power of 0.025 kilowatt, employing a non-directional antenna pattern (ND1-U).

Accordingly, the request for STA is GRANTED, however the nighttime power must not exceed 0.025 kilowatt. Station WNOO(AM) may operate with the following facilities:

Geographic coordinates	35° 03' 08" N, 85° 16' 19" W (NAD 1927)
Frequency	1260 KHz
Hours of operation	Daytime and Nighttime
Operating power	0.15 kilowatt (daytime), 0.025 kilowatt (nighttime)
Antenna type	100 feet of copper cable
Antenna height above ground level	50 feet (15.2 meters)

It will be necessary to further reduce power or cease operation if complaints of interference are received. WNOO(AM) must notify the Commission when licensed operation is restored. WNOO(AM) must use whatever means are necessary to protect workers and the public from exposure to radio frequency radiation in excess of the Commission's exposure guidelines. *See* 47 CFR § 1.1310.

This authority expires on **December 8, 2019**.

**STA Advisory:** Section 309(f) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, authorizes the Commission to grant STA in cases of "extraordinary circumstances requiring temporary authorizations in the public interest and when delay in the institution of the temporary operations would seriously prejudice the public interest." However, Section 309(f) is not a means by which a licensee/permittee may circumvent established processing procedures which require the filing of an application, nor is it a means by which a broadcaster may enhance his facility or make operation more convenient for the broadcaster. Stations operating with less than licensed facilities under temporary authorities can be viewed as receiving the benefit of a larger protection area than that in which they are currently providing service.

Accordingly, Special Temporary Authorities by nature are to be temporary and are not intended for extended use. Licensees of stations operating under temporary authorities are reminded that timely restoration of permanent facilities is the responsibility of the licensee and should be undertaken expeditiously. Any request for extension of special temporary authorities carries an increased burden with each subsequent request.

Therefore, requests for extension of STA will be granted only where the licensee can show that one or more of the following criteria have been met:

- Restoration of licensed facilities is complete and testing is underway;
- Substantial progress has been made during the most recent STA period toward restoration of licensed operation; or

- No progress has been made during the most recent STA period for reasons clearly beyond the licensee's control, and the licensee has taken all possible steps to expeditiously resolve the problem.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "Jerome J. Manarchuck". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Jerome" and last name "Manarchuck" clearly legible.

Jerome J. Manarchuck  
Audio Division  
Media Bureau

cc: Gregg P. Skall, Esq. (via email only)